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UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

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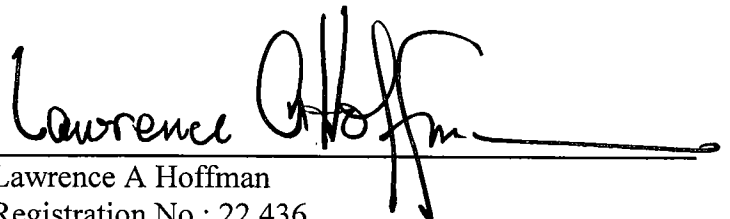
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